



# Maple-Leaf News

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*Laugh a little, learn a little & take a break from the daily grind*

## Staying On Track

Seeing the Pentucket Bank logo makes us think of the children's story, "The Little Engine That Could." Published in 1930 by Platt & Munk, the tale teaches children the value of persistence and hard work. As the brave little engine pulls the train over the mountain while repeating the famous phrase, "I think I can, I think I can..." it ultimately succeeds and overcomes all obstacles in its way. The story has been retold many times, and the construction of a new Pentucket Bank offers another version.

Plans to build the branch in North Andover, Massachusetts were announced in June 2012. Subject to receiving town approval, the bank projected a ground-breaking in the fall of that year. However, because the building would be situated on a site requiring a paved parking lot—creating a large impervious surface which could lead to a substantial amount of water runoff adjacent to Lake Cochichewick—special permits would be required.

Before construction of the 3,672-square-foot single-story retail bank, parking lot and stormwater structures could take place, outside consultants had to review stormwater, civil engineering and traffic flow. In addition, the traffic flow had to



*New Pentucket Bank branch at 1077 Osgood St., North Andover, Mass.*

include a truck route for fire department access. Throughout 2013, discussions continued regarding the permit application which included a Pollution Prevention Plan, Operations and Maintenance Plan for the stormwater management system, and an Emergency Management Plan.

In April 2014, when the official ground-breaking ceremony took place at the site of the future branch, President/CEO Scott D. Cote announced the branch would be open for business by the end of the year and stated that the new facility "would provide greater convenience to customers in North Andover, Boxford, Andover and Bradford."

During the next two months, soil borings were completed and unsuitable soils were removed. A temporary access road was built 10 feet from the bank location in order to keep traffic off the site. Exterior elevations of buildings and structures were established, and soil was brought in to raise the site by 12 feet. In addition, retaining walls topped with a black vinyl chain link fence, cedar stockade fencing, guard rails, and granite curbing were installed.

Excavation took place to relocate existing underground utilities and install new ones. Water lines were extended, gas line locations were noted and phone and cable lines were installed. The pouring

of a 12-inch thick concrete foundation began and drive-thru piers were installed. Concrete sidewalks and accessibility ramps were also set. And because a crane would be required for the installation of wood trusses and a cupola, the FAA (Federal Aviation Agency) conducted an Aeronautical Review.

Installation of drainage and retention systems were estimated to take two weeks to complete. In order to reduce the pressure on parking requirements, construction was scheduled to begin each night at 10:00 p.m. to be completed by 7:00 a.m. At that time, any trenches would have to be closed, backfilled and paved over.

By July, structural steel columns and beams were standing and the island for the future drive-up ATM was installed. While hoping to match and obtain the brick and mortar from the supplier that handled Pentucket's Stadium Branch in Haverhill, we learned that the brick supplier had closed, so alternate brick selections had to be selected for review and approval.

The architectural design called for similar finishes, equipment and systems of other Pentucket branch bank renovations. So, interior millwork including soffits, teller line, teller back counter check desk, coffee counter, base and wall cabinets were all



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*Project Profile*

# Hemenway Trust Company, LLC

Salem, New Hampshire

Project Scope: Demolition and fit-up of 2,862 square feet of office space on the fourth floor includes a new reception area, office and conference rooms, and employee breakroom. As an estate and trust administration firm, Hemenway Trust Company, LLC has been serving clients for over 150 years.

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stained to match, and wood interior trim at doors and windows as well as wainscot in lobby, offices and conference room were painted. All specialty items furnished by the bank and installed by Maple-Leaf include everything from rate boards, poster frames, door stops, and keyboard trays right down to the pens and calendars at tellers, check desks, coupon rooms and ATM lobby. The state-chartered mutual bank provides two drive-up lanes, drive-up ATM, and several conference rooms and offices to accommodate customers.

By staying true to its banking slogan to remain "On Track Together Since 1891," Pentucket Bank overcame all construction obstacles. Today the bank offers six full-service community banking offices; three in Haverhill, Massachusetts, one each in Hampstead and Salem, New Hampshire and the latest at 1077 Osgood Street, North Andover, Massachusetts.



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